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We delivered to EPA today, both in DC and in the Region, a Brief in Support of Petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for Action Regarding the Proposed Pebble Mine Under Section 404(c) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. A copy is attached.

Last Friday's decision of the federal court in DC – Mingo Logan Coal Company v. E.P.A. -- reversing EPA's 404(c) veto of the Spruce No. 1 Mine permit is addressed directly at 20-21 and 66-67. While troubling in its absence of deference to EPA, we agree with those who've said the decision is another compelling reason for EPA to intervene proactively – which is precisely what the Pebble petitions ask EPA to do.

Best,

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